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REVIEWING CITY FINANCES.

Two of the strong arguments originally used in favor of a bond issue for road construction have been eliminated, one by the passing of valuable months since the issue was first proposed, and the other by a legal opinion.

Last January, when Supervisor Robert Shingle was working out the bond issue plan, it was believed that this method of raising money for roads would be preferable to an increase in the tax-rate because the latter would require legislative action, and the 1917 legislative session was then more than a year distant.

Since then more than six months have passed. The legislature is more than six months nearer. The factor of time has been largely eliminated.

The legal opinion referred to is that made public at last night's hearing by Deputy City Attorney Carden, holding that under the restrictions of the law the city cannot now bond itself for more than \$480,000 in any one year. The supervisors have been proceeding on the basis of a \$750,000 issue, part for roads and part for other purposes. There is much argument in favor of giving unquestionable permanent improvements such as waterworks and sewers first call on bond issue proceeds, and if only \$480,000 can be secured for bonds for the next year, there would be no money for roads, anyway.

Last evening's public meeting at the Chamber of Commerce brought out valuable discussion. Both sides of the bond issue question were well set forth. It has been apparent for months that when the next legislature is in session an effort will be made to increase the tax-rate, at least temporarily. Most of the discussion last night resolved itself into reasons why this increase is feasible and reasons why it is not an unfair burden to taxpayers.

MAINE WILL BE INVADED.

Administration forces are getting ready for an invasion of the state of Maine in full cry, and while it may seem that Candidate Hughes has taken a flying start on the Democrats, they will put up a pretty lively fight before August is over.

Announcement is made from the Democratic national headquarters that 45 Wilson speakers will campaign in the rock-bound commonwealth.

The fight there will be opened on Aug. 15. The Democratic managers propose sending fifteen United States senators, fifteen members of the house of representatives and fifteen or more other speakers of national prominence. Robert Lansing, secretary of state, and several other members of the president's cabinet, including Secretaries Lane, Redfield and Daniels, will address the Maine voters, and every effort will be made to set forth authoritative ly the accomplishments of the Wilson administration.

Charles R. Crane has told the national chairman that the outlook for President Wilson is very encouraging in Illinois. Former State Chairman Paxton of New Mexico said that state and Arizona were certain for Wilson. Clarence W. Watson, member of the Democratic national committee from West Virginia, also sent word that President Wilson would carry that state by a safe plurality.

William Jennings Bryan has offered to make some stump speeches for Wilson but at last accounts he has not been put down on the list of speakers.

THE POLITICAL ASPECT OF THE CLARKE APPOINTMENT.

President Wilson's appointment of Judge John H. Clarke of Cleveland to fill the Hughes vacancy on the supreme bench was a surprise in Hawaii only in the sense that few people here had ever heard of Clarke. But it appears that to the mainland the nomination was something of a sensation and most of the comment deals with its political significance. The appointment is looked on by politicians in Cleveland as another move in his campaign to strengthen his fences politically in the Middle West. The personal choice of Secretary Baker, who is really the Democratic political "boss" of Ohio, the selection is believed a wise move.

As one Cleveland critic puts it, the appointment, while highly favored in northern Ohio, is not so highly thought of in the southern section, where Cincinnati politicians are complaining that they

have not been more favored by the administration, which has now given two "plums" to Cleveland, in the name of Newton D. Baker for secretary of war and now the appointment of Judge Clarke to the supreme bench.

While Judge Clarke is best known as a corporation lawyer, he had enough political power two years ago, when he aspired to senatorial honors, to cause the administration to shelve him by appointing him to the federal bench in order that the machine slate, headed by Atlee Pomerene, might be put through.

MORE DEMAGOGY THAN CLEVER POLITICS

From the Troy (N. Y.) Times

The revenue bill drawn up with the approval of the Democratic administration and booked to pass the Democratic Congress presents all the appearance of another legislative hodge-podge, much after the order of the Democratic tariff law, which the Democrats themselves admit to be a failure. Some Democrats, in fact, are far more ready and eager to "punch holes" in the act than they were to treat in this way the preceding statute of Republic origin. No one can really tell how much money will be obtained by the various means provided for in the pending bill. The only thing certain is that the Democratic party, having entered into power at Washington largely through misrepresentation and false pretense, is twisting and turning in agonizing efforts to meet responsibilities to which the administration and Congress are unequal. A glance over the provisions of the Democratic revenue bill arouses the suspicion that there is more "demagoguery" than "clever politics" in that measure.

SAN FRANCISCO'S INFERNAL MACHINE TRAGEDY.

From the Buffalo Times

It has often been proven that criminals who seek by violence to overthrow the established order of things take no reckoning of the lives of innocent spectators.

But the marked peculiarity of the great crime in the California metropolis was that, so far as evidence is available, it did not proceed from the ordinary anarchist motives, but was an anti-preparedness outrage.

A grave danger is thus revealed to the authorities everywhere. What happened in San Francisco might have happened in New York, Boston, Buffalo or any city, had some unbalanced and criminal mind wrought itself to the pitch of murder. Such miscreants are to be found in every city, and no one can tell where the next blow will fall.

The facts read the warning that communities all over the country should be on their guard.

The Columbia Record people and their branch offices and representatives all over the country are advertising Hawaiian music extensively. A recent issue of the Bangor Maine, Daily News shows a quarter-page advertisement of a pretty Hawaiian girl, with ukulele, standing beside a huge Columbia record. The whole display space is taken up in advertising Hawaiian music, featuring "Aloha De," "Manna Ken," "On the Beach at Waikiki," they spell it "Waikiki" and "Hapahaale Hula Girl."

Years ago to take a railway journey was about as dangerous as to go to war. In recent months, however, the Pennsylvania system transported almost half a billion passengers without the loss of a single life. Safety first by a process of evolution soon becomes safety always.—Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

British military experts can't understand why the Turks tackled the Suez Canal fight. And, by the way, the Turks can't understand why the British thought they could pry open the Dardanelles.

Only five million men are in the prison camps of Europe, according to John R. Mott's estimate. This should rather embarrass some of the official war announcers who captured a quarter million or so a week for months at a time.

Perhaps a new Italian opera will now be born in war and victory.

Our old friend Lemberg is again in the news.

SHIPPERS SEEK SUSPENSION OF RATE INCREASE

"Although the transcontinental railway lines are having prepared a new tariff to comply with the recent order of the interstate commerce commission that rates on more than 190 articles of schedule C commodities be increased on shipments to Pacific coast terminals, the Portland Traffic and Transportation Association has applied to the commission to suspend the time of the order taking effect, which has been fixed at September 1," says the Portland Journal.

"Protests have already been made by individual coast shippers against making the commission's order effective at so early a date, and it is said that other traffic associations on this coast will supplement the application of the Portland Shippers' Association for a suspension of the proposed tariff taking the place of the existing tariff which was based on competition of water route through the Panama canal, which competition has temporarily disappeared.

"The chief objection is against the carriers advancing coast rates to meet rates to Spokane instead of reducing the intermountain rates to conform with coast terminal rates, although shippers who have contracted for goods on existing rates are objecting to having to pay higher rates for deliveries after September 1 if the new tariff is not to be suspended.

"Reliance is made by protestants on the federal laws which declare that railway freight rates once reduced cannot be increased except for reasons other than the elimination of water route competition."

FEAR EFFECTS OF AEROPLANES UPON NATIVES

MELBOURNE, Australia.—Dr. Eric Mjöberg, a Swedish scientist and airman, has requested permission of the Commonwealth authorities to use an aeroplane in exploring the interior of Papua or British New Guinea, some parts of which have never been seen by a white man, but the Australian authorities have refused to sanction his project for fear of trouble with the natives. The English police are already hunting down some natives who recently killed one of their men with poisoned arrows, and although the natives are not feared for their fighting strength, the authorities are opposed to any unnecessary intrusion into their territory.

An explorer who recently headed an expedition from the Dahiti river had an unusual experience. "When I approached the natives," he said, they stood and gazed at me, and in less than two minutes many of them fainted and collapsed at my feet. At another place a chief came within a few yards of me and when I went to take hold of his arm he fainted and fell into the bet of the creek. The whole crowd then assembled around me and prostrated themselves."

VITAL STATISTICS

BORN.

DYER.—In the Kapiolani Maternity Home, Honolulu, August 10, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Dyer of 1017 Piikoi street, a son.
CROCKETT.—At Kewalo Sanitarium, July 11, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crockett, a daughter.

HELEN.—In Honolulu, August 8, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. William S. Heleni of 1243C Emmelut street, a daughter.

MARRIED.

HICKEY-McCANDLESS.—In Honolulu, August 10, 1916, Henry K. Hickey, Jr., and Miss Ellen McCandleless, Rev. Father Stephen J. Alencastre, pastor of the Catholic Church of the Sacred Hearts, Punahoa, officiating; witnesses—Arthur Reis and Elizabeth Fuller.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Alexander Craig 48
Sarah K. Kaloa, Hawaiian 27
Louis Namoku, Hawaiian 20
Emma Kaaua, Hawaiian 18

A number of automobile repair shops will be built at points on and near the Mexican border by the war department.

PORTO RICO IS NEARING END OF 1916 SUGAR CROP

(From Czarinkow-Rionda Company).
NEW YORK, July 21.—A comparatively inactive market has prevailed during the week, as will be seen from the list of reported sales, involving only 5100 tons Cubas (of which about 2600 tons went to operators), 3500 tons Porto Ricos and 3500 tons San Domingos.

On these small transactions prices first declined 25c. per lb. on 18th inst. when 5.125c. c. f. (6.145c.) was accepted for 15,000 bags Cubas, in port at New York, but an apparent desire on the part of refiners to continue securing supplies thereat resulted in a rapid recovery of 125c. per lb. from this low level, operators on 19th paying 5.25c. c. f. (6.27c.) for 21,000 bags Cubas adroit.

There has been noticeably less pressure recently to sell Porto Ricos, but while the last reported business was at 6.27c. c. f. f., a small lot is since said to have changed hands at 6.14c. c. f. f. for shipment to New Orleans. Late advices from the island state that there remain only about 25,000 tons of present crop sugars left for export.

That our market should remain so steady, despite the unusually protracted period of inactivity, and that the occasional declines brought about by "distressed" parcels have not affected the position of sellers, who consistently continue optimistic as to values later in the season, proves most conclusively the strong position of the article.

Additional moderate sales this week of Cubas for foreign destinations bring the quantity now pending shipment during July and August from Cuba to Europe and South America to a figure in excess of 150,000 tons. In this connection it may be pointed out that while the exports from the island to Europe as published in the regular weekly statistics may not appear as heavy as had been anticipated, the apparent discrepancy arises from certain sugars destined for United Kingdom or France being temporarily diverted to United States for refining purposes. Of course, as such sugars will ultimately reach their original destination, they must not be erroneously considered as available for domestic requirements.

The tone of the market at the close continues steady, with only light offerings of Cubas in prompt positions at 5.375c. c. f. (6.40c.), with ready buyers at 125c. per lb. less, and operators showing some interest at 5.31c. c. f. (6.43c.). With practically no contracts for August supplies at present outstanding with American refiners, there seems every reason to believe and expect that a fair volume of business in Cubas for shipment should be consummated in the near future. As the bulk of sugars held by importers in warehouse here is in the hands of exchange operators, and probably scattered among quite a number, it doubtless would be difficult to secure even a moderate quantity of these sugars without materially advancing quotations for future deliveries.

Trading in sugar futures on the New York coffee exchange has been very active, and aggregate 55,200 tons for the week. Today's closing bids of July 5.27c., August 5.29c., September 5.39c., October 5.36c., November 5.25c., December 5.09c., January 4.77c., February 4.46c., March 4.47c., April 4.50c., May 4.53c. and June 4.57c. represent net decline on the week of .01c. to .06c. throughout the list.

The receipts for the week at the three Atlantic ports were 55,666 tons, compared with 47,489 tons last year and 43,480 tons in 1914.

THAT WAIL FROM WAILUKU.

(From the Garden Island.)

The criticism of the Wailuku Times of the Kauai chamber of commerce, given additional publicity in Honolulu, was neither dignified nor justified by the facts. In that criticism Maui's journalistic suckling gave it as its opinion that the local chamber of commerce was not justified in taking up the Brown case at all, and if so, the committee report adopted by it bearing upon the case was improper.

We have refrained from saying a great deal about the Brown case for the reason that far too much personal feeling has been aroused on Kauai and other islands on account of it, and newspaper comment near the center of the disturbance could have the effect only of adding oil to what has been a regrettable fire. We must at this time take issue, however, with the proposal that the Kauai chamber of commerce should not have taken cognizance of the matter. It is its duty, under its constitution, to consider and take such action as may seem proper on any and all matters affecting the well-being of Kauai, and as

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The Brown case had become a public question the chamber quite properly took cognizance of it.

The Kauai chamber of commerce will be three years of age next week and in that time has grown to be next to the largest commercial organization in the territory. It has handled numerous public questions, not a few being of importance to the entire group, and has done so with dignity and creditably. Mistakes have been made, but such have been far outweighed by the good that has been accomplished.

And it is rather late in the day for the criticism of shrimps to alter the situation.

A pretty way to serve hot biscuits is folded in a napkin on a sweetgrass basket, with a handle.

All German officers commanding Bulgarian troops are reported to have been recalled.

STUDY COURSE COMMITTEE WILL REPORT ON MONDAY

The course of study committee of the board of education has completed a four-day meeting and will report at a meeting of the school commissioners scheduled to be held next Monday morning. Members of the committee considered a suggestion to consolidate the work in some of the schools by showing teachers to instruct classes in certain subjects simultaneously instead of separately. Suggestions will be offered that minor changes be made in the examination rules. The committee also inspected the work of Miss Harriet Nee, a woman who is compiling a supplementary reader for the public schools.

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Personal Mentions

JUDGE A. S. MAHAULU, boys' probation officer, is ill at his home in Pua lane, Palama.

GUSTAV C. BECHERT of 2032 Kapiulani street, Kalihi, and Mrs. Bechert, welcomed the arrival of a son on Thursday, August 10, 1916.

THOMAS E. WALL, president of Wall, Nichols & Co., is expected home in the Matsunos from a three months' combined business and pleasure trip on the mainland.

Farmers of Westmoreland County, Pa., suffered from a plague of potato bugs.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—CAPT. CHARLES H. BAKER, Honolulu police department: If the revised laws of Hawaii were printed in two volumes they would last longer. I mean the books.

—D. L. CONKLING, city treasurer: Registered sewer warrants totaling about \$3100 will be redeemed Saturday. Next week general fund warrants totaling about \$35,000 will be redeemed.

—JOSEPH S. NOBRIGA, bailiff police court: If I were supervisor I would employ the cheapest labor obtainable and spend the money saved on the roads, providing such action didn't affect my own salary.

—FRANCIS BROWN: Baseball is a good game, golf is interesting, football is always thrilling, but for real

short, polo has the edge on them all. You have to be in the game all the time or something is bound to happen. I do not wonder that the crowd went wild with delight when the Army and Maui teams played.

—CHARLES STILLMAN: There will be plenty of excitement in the athletic line in September. With the world's greatest swimmers here competing on three evenings, with an excellent two days' program of racing, with polo matches for the championships, and football practice beginning, those interested in athletics will surely not find their pleasure lacking.

The interstate commerce commission extended until January, 1917, a former postponement of proposed increases in freight rates on wool and rice from California to Eastern points.

The steamer Charles L. Hutchinson, ashore near Athens, Mich., is expected to be saved with her entire cargo.

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